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# PAYMENT SERVICES USER MANUAL

## **GETTING STARTED**

## INTRODUCTION

Payment Services is a web-based tool with a user interface flexible enough to allow for a variety of unique business processes across state agencies. Each agency will be able to apply their own business processes to use Payment Services.

### LOGGING ON

Payment Services is accessed through the secure logon on the State Controller's Web site at http://www.sco.idaho.gov.

Figure 1 - Secure logon Logon | Services | Office | Accounting | Payroll | Public About the Office Contacts, Controller's Duties, State Board of Examiners, Employment, Office History Accounting Manuals, Forms, Policies, Training Schedule, and other Financial Information Payroll Manuals, Forms, Training Schedule, and other Payroll Information Public Information Contact for Public Information Requests, Press Releases, and the State Board of Examiners Services Access to and Information about Web Applications, SCO training schedules, Vendor Services Online © 2004 Idaho State Controller 700 W. State Street Logon Boise, ID 83720

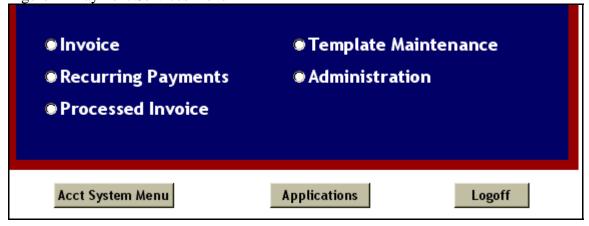
Select **Statewide Accounting Services** from the list of applications, and then select **Payment Services**.

The Payment Services main menu includes:

- **Invoice** includes the tabbed screens for invoice data entry and approvals
- **Recurring Payments** schedule recurring payments
- **Processed Invoice** list of invoices processed for payment
- **Template Maintenance** create and maintain templates for invoice cost distribution
- **Administration** set up and maintain users and set up the application for specific agency needs. Accessible only to the Payment Services administrator.

If you do not see all of these on your screen, it is because you have not been given authorization by your Payment Services administrator.

Figure 2 - Payment Services menu



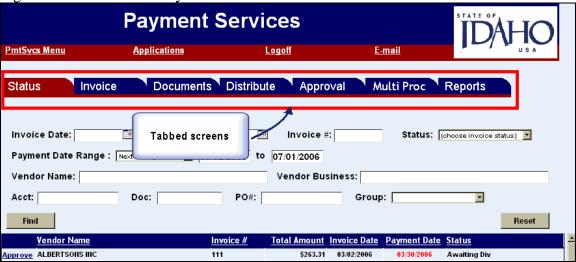
This document will focus on three of these menus essential to basic invoice processing – **Invoice**, **Template Maintenance**, and **Administration**.

## **INVOICE MENU**

The Invoice menu is the entry point for invoice data entry and approval. A series of tabs are presented which represent a functional process or actions that can be taken in the workflow of an invoice payment.

These tabs are also the main navigational tools for selecting the various functional areas. However, as will be seen, many of the same functions can be performed on different screens.

Figure 3 - Tabbed screen layout



Many of the functions can be performed on more than one screen, depending on your agency's business process.

In addition, each agency's Payment Services administrator has some degree of control over how Payment Services looks and behaves. For instance, the administrator can:

- Change the number of and names of the approval levels seen in the Payment Services screens.
- Enable or disable E-mail notification.
- Enable or disable automatic authorization of invoices.
- Set the default tab for the **Invoice** menu.

And finally, the role or roles people have in Payment Services will vary widely across all agencies. Each person may have a different view of the application and different capabilities in using it.

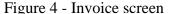
Thus, the specific steps in the application to enter and approve invoices depend on the business processes of the individual agency. However, the general workflow includes these steps:

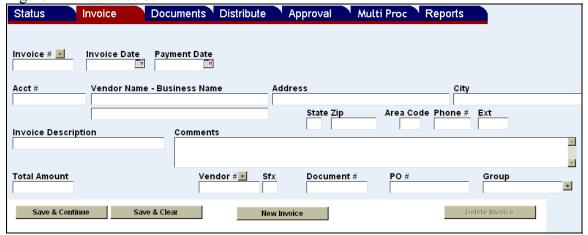
<b>Function</b>	Payment Services Screen(s)
1. Enter and save invoice information.	Invoice
2. Authorize the invoice.	Administration, Invoice, Approval, Multi Proc
3. Attach scanned invoice and supporting documentation. This is optional. If used, it can be done at any time during the invoice workflow.	Documents
4. Enter fiscal codes and/or distribute the invoice costs across PCA, Indexes, Encumbrances, etc.	Distribute
5. Approve the invoice. Five levels of approval can be set up. Includes making final approval for payment of invoice.	Approval, Multi Proc

## **ENTERING AND SAVING AN INVOICE**

Invoices can be entered as soon as you receive them. You do not have to wait until the payment date to begin data entry or approval processes.

On the **Invoice** screen, you can use your TAB key or your mouse to move to each data field.





- 1. Enter the invoice number in the **Invoice** # field.
- 2. Enter the Vendor Name in the **Vendor Name** field
- 3. Enter the amount of the invoice in the **Total Amount** field.
- 4. Complete any other fields needed by your agency.
- 5. Click **Save & Continue** or **Save & Clear** to save the invoice.
- 6. Click **Authorize** if necessary. Depending on your agency's process, invoices may be automatically authorized or a person other than data entry may authorize invoices on this or another screen.

#### **AUTHORIZING AN INVOICE**

After the invoice is saved, it must be authorized in order for the costs to be distributed. Depending on your agency's process:

- Invoices may be authorized on the **Invoice** screen by the person who enters and saves them.
- A person other than data entry may authorize invoices on the **Approval** or the **Multi Proc** screen.
- The Payment Services administrator may set up automatic authorization so that this step is not needed by your agency.

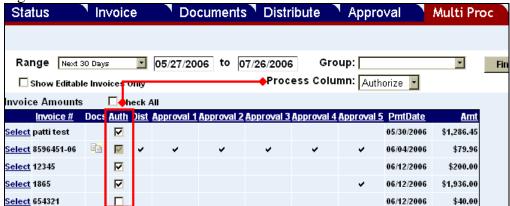
Below are examples of the screens where an invoice can be authorized.



Figure 6 - Authorization on the Approval screen



Figure 7 - Authorization on the Multi Proc screen

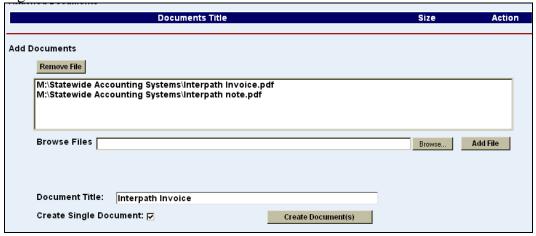


#### ATTACHING A SCANNED DOCUMENT

This step is optional. The scanned invoice or document(s) must already be on your local or network hard drive, that is, you must scan and save the documents using your scanners and scanning software. Click the **Documents** tab to upload the scanned documents to the State Controller's server. Scanned documents can be uploaded and attached to an invoice at any time during the invoice workflow – even after the invoice has been approved.

Below is an example of the **Documents** screen:

Figure 8 - Scanned documents added



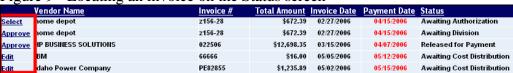
#### DISTRIBUTING COSTS AND ADDING FISCAL CODES

After the invoice has been authorized, the costs can be distributed and/or the fiscal codes applied. This can only be done on the **Distribute** screen; however you can get to the **Distribute** screen in different ways.

Depending on your agency's process, do one of the following:

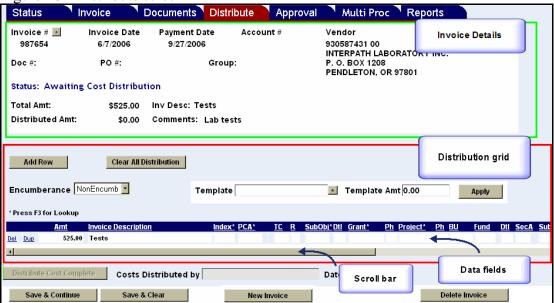
A. Locate the invoice on the **Status** screen. The status of the invoice should read "Awaiting Cost Distribution". You can search for invoices or sort the invoice list. Click **Edit**.

Figure 9 - Locating an invoice on the Status screen



B. Open the invoice in the **Invoice** screen and click **Distribute**.

Figure 10 - Distribute screen



To navigate through the distribution grid, place the mouse cursor in a data field and press TAB to move left to right through the fields. Use SHIFT+TAB to move back. You can also use your mouse to drag the scroll bar beneath the grid to get to the data fields.

#### In the **Distribute** screen:

- 1. Enter the amounts, the fiscal codes in the distribution grid.
- 2. Click **Add Row** or **Dup** to create additional rows for cost distribution.

The application can validate your data entry and perform look ups on any field in the distribution grid <u>marked with an asterisk</u>:

- The application will validate your data entry against STARS tables. If the data entry is valid, it will automatically fill in the distribution grid with any available related data from the tables.
- To perform a "look up" or search, place the cursor in the field and press F3. A look up dialog box will appear and you can search for the fiscal code that you need.

If the invoice details need to be changed, the invoice must be 'unauthorized' in the **Approval** or **Multi Proc** screen, then re-entered on the **Invoice** screen.

After the distribution is saved it must be marked as complete to be ready for approval. This, too, can be done several different ways depending on your agency's process:

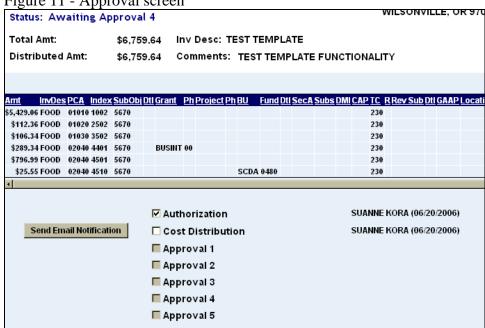
- Click **Cost Distribution Complete** on the **Distribute** screen.
- Select **Cost Distribution** on the **Approval** screen and save.
- Select the check box in the **Dist** column of the **Multi Proc** screen.

#### **APPROVING AN INVOICE**

Approving the invoice can be done on different screens, depending on your agency's process:

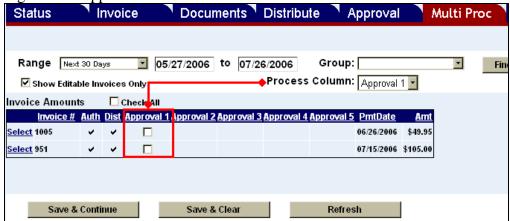
A. Locate the invoice on the **Status** screen. The status of the invoice should read "Awaiting Approval" or something similar, depending on what your Payment Services administrator has named your approval levels. Click **Approve**. The **Approval** screen will open. Select the appropriate approval level and save.

Figure 11 - Approval screen



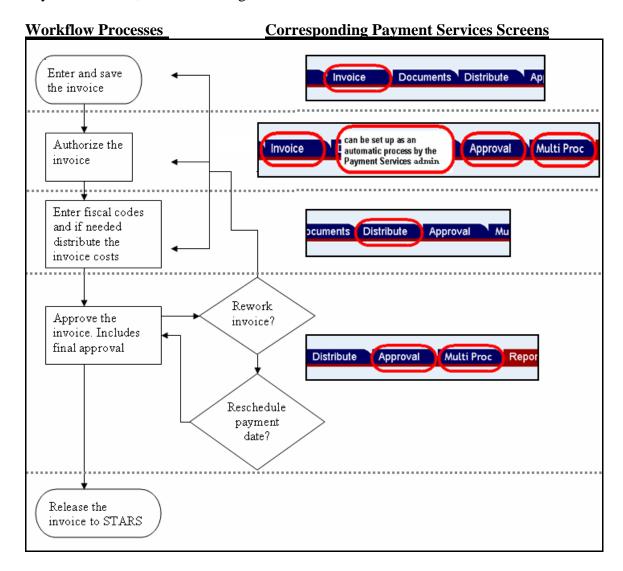
B. Select the appropriate approval level from the **Process Column** menu on the **Multi Proc** screen. Select the check box(es) in the appropriate approval columns and save.

Figure 12 - Approval in Multi Proc screen



#### **OVERVIEW**

As can be seen, the steps to complete the invoice workflow can vary widely among agencies. To outline the steps again and correlate them to the screens that can be used in Payment services, refer to the diagram below:



## **TEMPLATE MAINTENANCE MENU**

A template is a preset cost distribution with the fiscal codes defined and the costs distributed by percent or by amount. Generally, a template is intended for invoices that are distributed the same way each time and usually for regularly billed invoices, such as utilities, rent, or telephone invoices.

Templates can be created, edited, or deleted on the **Template Maintenance** screen. The Payment Services administrator assigns users to Template Maintenance access.

Create a template by assigning a name, selecting a type (**Amount**, **Percent**, or **Blank**) and then adding fiscal codes and cost distribution rows. See the Template Maintenance document for more information

Figure 13 - Template Maintenance



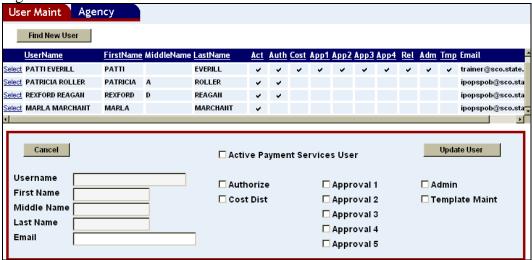
## **ADMINISTRATION MENU**

Administration includes tabs for **User Maintenance** and **Agency** maintenance. See the Administration document for more details.

User maintenance includes:

- Adding new users.
- Assigning roles or permissions to users authorization, cost distribution, templates, and approval levels.
- Making users active or inactive in the application.

Figure 14 - User maintenance



Agency maintenance includes being able to:

- Change the names of the approval levels seen in the Payment Services screens.
- Enable or disable E-mail notification.
- Enable or disable automatic authorization of invoices.
- Set the default tab that is seen when the **Invoice** menu is first opened.

Figure 15 - Agency Maintenance

